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SUBJECT: MFA/PRESS - WP OSNOS MEETING

REF: MOSCOW 19910

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR
OF WASHINGTON POST CALLED EUR/SOV TO INFORM DEPT OF OSNOS
MEETING AT MFA AND TO ASK IF DEPT BELIEVED WARNING WAS IN
RECIPROCITY FOR ACTION USG HAD TAKEN AGAINST SOVIET CORRES-
PONDENT. HE ALSO ASKED FOR BACKGROUND RE LAST TIME SUCH A
WARNING HAD BEEN GIVEN TO US JOURNALIST AND FOR OUR OPINION
ON WHETHER OSNOS MIGHT BE EXPELLED.

2. WE REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE RECIPRO-
CITY WAS INVOLVED SINCE WE HAD NOT RPT NOT TAKEN RECENT
ACTION AGAINST SOVIET JOURNALIST IN US. WE ALSO SAID WE
WERE NOT AWARE OF SIMILAR WARNING TO US JOURNALIST BY MFA
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IN LAST FEW YEARS, ALTHOUGH LITGAZ ARTICLE HAD ALLEGED
CIA CONNECTIONS OF THREE MOSCOW-BASED REPORTERS. (ONLY
RECENT INCIDENT OF MFA WARNING WE RECALL WAS INFORMAL
WARNING GIVEN TO THEN LA POST CORRESPONDENT MURRAY SEEGER
THAT HE WAS NOT WELCOME IN SOVIET GEORGIA BECAUSE OF
ARTICLES HE HAD WRITTEN ABOUT VISITS THERE.)

3. WP OFFICIAL SAID OFFICE SPECULATION WAS THAT OSNOS' RECENT ARTICLES ON BREZHNEV'S BIRTHDAY AND ON "CHANCE ENCOUNTERS" DURING TRIPS AROUND SOVIET UNION MAY HAVE TOUCHED KGB SENSITIVITIES.

4. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO RAISE OSNOS CASE WITH SOVEMBASSY PRESS COUNSELOR KAMENEV.
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